

“originate”, “approve”, “close”, “fund”, and “ship”.

D. REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks. Upon entry of this Reply, claims 1-18 will be pending in the present application.

IDS References

The Examiner has identified certain non-patent references that are listed on a form PTO-1449 for which copies were not supplied to the Office. Applicants have included herewith copies of the references

35 U.S.C. §112 Rejections

Claims 1, 7, and 15 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as having terms without proper antecedent bases. In particular, the Office Action states that the term “one or more tasks” in line 10 of claim 1 lacks antecedent basis. Applicants draw the Examiner’s attention to the language in line 10, which accurately reads “one or more of *the* tasks.” (emphasis added). Thus, Applicants submit that there is proper antecedent basis for “one or more of the tasks” because that term refers to “a plurality of tasks” recited in line 7 of claim 1. Similarly, in claim 7 the term “one or more of the tasks” refers to “a plurality of tasks” and in claim 15 the term “one or more of the plurality of tasks” refers to “a plurality of tasks.” Thus, Applicants submit that there is proper antecedent bases in claims 1, 7, and 15.

Abstract

The Abstract was objected to in Paragraph 5 of the Office Action. Applicants have herein amended the Abstract to conform with the corrections required.

Drawings

New corrected drawings were required in Paragraph 6 of the Office Action. Applicants submit herewith corrected drawings.

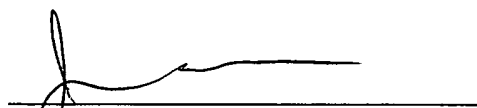
Specification

The Specification was objected to in Paragraph 7 of the Office Action. Applicants have herein amended the Specification to conform with the corrections required.

E. CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and respectfully request favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance. Should the Examiner believe that this application is in condition for disposition other than allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below in order to address the Examiner's concerns.

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